

RAISE TAX RATE, COM' ML CLUB LEADERS URGE

Carter and Harrison Say Present Rate Is Not in Keeping With City's Growth.

600 BUILDINGS ADDED IN THE PAST 2 YEARS

C. L. Harrison Says New Structures Have Not Increased City's Income.

A campaign to raise the assessed value of all real estate property in the Cape was suggested last night by Samuel F. Carter, ex-president of the Commercial Club.

The suggestion was made after Charles L. Harrison had commented on the commercial growth of Cape Girardeau in the last two years. In the brief sent to the armor plant commission by the Commercial Club it was pointed out that in the last two years more than 500 residences had been erected at a cost of nearly \$3000 each, and besides that more than 100 mercantile buildings had been built at the cost of approximately \$5000 each.

"If this is true," Mr. Harrison said, "then the assessed value of the real estate in the Cape has actually increased by \$20,000,000 in the last two years, but the tax assessment has not been increased at all. We must have an assessed value commensurate with the intrinsic value of our property if we want to keep step with the progressive spirit of the present time."

Mr. Carter then proceeded to show that the taxes paid by Cape Girardeau were far below the normal rate. "The county tax rate is three times higher than that of the city," he said, "and yet the State Treasury has to pay this county more money back than is paid into the State Treasury by the city."

That the assessed valuation of the real estate property is not what it ought to be, Mr. Carter cited the following instances: He said the owner of a certain corner lot was offering it for sale at \$50 per foot on the front, measuring the front on the longer side, whereas the tax valuation is assessed at \$4 per foot on the shorter front of this property.

He suggested that something be done to better the roads in the county, referring particularly to the Rock Levee road, the main highway into Scott County.

"Scott County has put its part of the road in the best of condition, while it is falling to pieces in Cape County," he said. "The road was reconstructed several years ago, but being the main thoroughfare through the county, it is showing the wear and tear more and more. In some places it is in a terrible condition."

Upon the suggestion of Mercer D. Wilson, the legislative committee was instructed by President Leming to make an investigation into the tax proposition of the city. The purpose of this investigation is to find out whether the present tax rate is adequate to the financial demands levied

upon the city and the county.

This matter was discussed at the last meeting of the School Board. It was shown that the assessed value of real estate property was far beyond the increase in order to accommodate the rapid increase of pupils. The conclusion was reached that if these conditions were not improved the city would not be in a position to take care of its schools and the pupils because of the lack of funds.

A campaign to raise \$2000 for the library will be held here Jan. 18, according to the announcement of Mr. Harrison. Everybody will be asked to support this project. The money will be used to stock the library with new volumes, and each donor will have his name written in the books bought with his contribution.

Mr. Harrison showed how much good the library has done in educating the people, especially the children. The library has kept them off the streets and has aroused such interest among them that the books are being used daily. For that reason every citizen ought to consider it his duty to help support and increase the library, he said.

POSTOFFICE SAFE AT ADVANCE BLOWN

Robbers Escape With \$300 in Stamps and Money—Band Suspected.

Robbers dynamited the safe in the Advance Post-office a few nights ago, and secured more than \$300 in stamps and cash, it was learned in the Cape yesterday. The thieves entered the building through the front door, and completed the job without being heard.

Postmaster Potter was informed the following day that a report of the explosion was heard by residents who thought it was a revolver and fell asleep again.

The bandits entered the building by forcing open the front door, apparently with a jimmy. Nitro-glycerin was used to open the safe, the door of which was torn from its hinges. A close inspection revealed the fact that the explosive had been poured into the crevice near the lock and held in position by a cup formed out of soap.

The contents of the bank were strewn over the floor, but all of the cash had been gathered up by the thieves. A package containing stamps of five and ten cent denominations were overlooked by the thugs, Postmaster Potter said yesterday.

The thieves selected the one night in the year for a successful raid, the postmaster said. Owing to the condition of the roads, the rural mail carriers were unable to return from their routes until after the city bank had closed. This prevented the postmaster from locking the stamps and money in the bank safe, as he had been accustomed to doing.

Stoddard County officials believe the robbery was committed by a professional band of safe crackers who have been visiting cities in various counties in Southeast Missouri. The postal authorities have been notified and are making an investigation of the robbery.

DEXTER MAN IS MADE HEAD OF BOTTLERS ASSN.

J. T. Hunt Elected President and E. M. Thilenius Is Made Vice President.

BANQUET CONCLUDES THE DAY'S PROGRAM

Cafe Proprietor Personally Serves Guests at Feast—Mayor Present.

The convention of the Southeast Missouri and Northeast Arkansas Bottlers' Association held yesterday at the office of the Cape City Bottling Works proved to be a great success, the members all agreed last night when they departed after a banquet which concluded the day. The old officers made their reports and were then extended thanks for their good work during the past year, whereupon the election of the new officers was held.

The new officers elected are: J. T. Hunt, of the Hunt Bottling Works, Dexter, Mo., president; E. M. Thilenius, of the Cape City Bottling Co., vice president, and Charles Oliver, of the Chaffee Bottling and Cold Storage Co., of Chaffee, Mo., secretary and treasurer. The next meeting will be held in Blytheville, Ark., on the second Tuesday of March.

The delegates were greeted by Mayor Kage as the official representative of the city. He extended a hearty welcome to the delegates and expressed the hope that they all would have the best success in their business undertakings. The address of the Mayor was responded by W. B. Hays of Poplar Bluff, who thanked the Mayor in the name of the delegates for his encouraging words and his hearty welcome.

Cape Girardeau was represented by three men—Mr. Thilenius, M. J. Koeck and Charles H. Overstolz, the latter two being representatives of the Cape Brewery and Ice Co. The youngest representative was Herbert Thilenius, son of E. M. Thilenius.

The convention was concluded with a banquet at the old Mecca restaurant on Main street. C. M. Freeman, who recently bought the place, served the dinner in person. The delegates were entertained with a number of stories told by Mr. Gordon and Mr. Hays. After both had commented on the wonderful growth of Southeast Missouri in the past 25 years, they resorted to a number of funny stories which elicited a constant laughter from the audience.

Especially witty were the stories told by Mr. Hays, who acted as toastmaster. He was relieved in entertaining the delegates by Mr. Gordon and others. The delegates were: A. D. Milde, M. Milde and J. R. Hoffman Jr., of the Milde Bottling Works of Jackson; E. M. Thilenius of the Cape City Bottling Works, W. C. McCarty of the Cape Coca Cola Bottling Co., M. L. Schmidt of the Coca Cola Bottling Works of Caruthersville, John Pattilo of the Coca Cola Bottling Co. of Blytheville, Ark., J. B. Stewart of the Tip Top Bottling Co. of Blytheville, Ark., W. B. Hays of the Hays Bottling Co. of Poplar Bluff, Joseph Hunt of the Hunt Bottling Co. of Dexter, Felix Gordon of the New Madrid, Charles Oliver of the Bottling and Ice Co. of Chaffee, Clyde Lacoek of the Chaffee Bottling Co., B. Morgan of the Scott County Bottling Works, M. J. Koeck and Charles H. Overstolz of the Cape Brewery and Ice Co.

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The contents of the report will not be made public until it has been filed. Immediately after the filing, the officers of the C. G. & N. will be notified so that they can file any exceptions to the report. It will then be decided whether the railroad will submit to the suggestions made by the condemnation commissioners regarding the re-establishment of the grade of Merriwether street.

Last week the commissioners and several representatives of the railroad met in the office of the City Counselor Knehan and discussed the report. The railroad representatives

RUSSELL SAYS CAPE WILL GET BIG U. S. PLANT

Congressman Believes City has no opposition in the Middle West.

ADMIRAL FLETCHER LIKES CAPE BRIEF

He Listened to R. B. Oliver and showed keen interest in this town.

Cape Girardeau is the only city the representative of which has been given a hearing before the commission authorized to select a location for the \$11,000,000 Government armor plate plant, says Congressman Russell in a letter to M. E. Leming, president of the Commercial Club last night. Besides, the Congressman continues, no city has been so well represented by brief as the Cape. "The brief sent to the commission by Cape Girardeau was the best gotten up by any city applying for this plant," Mr. Russell declares.

He expresses optimistic hopes that Cape will land this huge plant. "If the location is decided to be as far West as the Mississippi, then I confidently believe that Cape Girardeau will get the plant," the letter reads.

The fact that Senator R. B. Oliver, the official representative of the Cape in Washington, was received by the commission is pointed out by Mr. Russell to be a good omen for the cause of the Cape. It was stated in the beginning that no oral hearing would be given any one city seeking the plant, and therefore the audience granted Mr. Oliver by the commission is looked upon as especially favorable for the Cape.

Mr. Leming received a letter from Mr. Oliver early yesterday morning in which he detailed the result of his audience with the Government commission. He told of being accompanied to the offices of the commission and being introduced to the members by Senator William J. Stone and other representatives of Missouri. Chairman Admiral Fletcher gave him a very warm and hearty reception, the Senator writes, and seemed to be most interested in Cape's cause.

The letter covers four typewritten pages. It tells of the Senator's activities in behalf of Cape Girardeau and his efforts to get all the representatives of the State of Missouri to endorse the plea of the Commercial Club to have the plant located in or near Cape Girardeau.

The two other representatives of the Cape, I. R. Kelso and W. D. Vandiver, were not able to make the trip to Washington as had been anticipated. Both are in St. Louis. Senator Oliver contemplated leaving Washington last night.

The fact that several cities in Missouri are in the race to land this plant has divided the support of several representatives of Missouri in Congress. It became known that in addition to Cape Girardeau, Hannibal, Louisiana and St. Louis were applicants for the plant.

"The main thing to do," Mr. Leming said last night, "is to get the members of the commission to come to Missouri and look over all the cities that want the plant. I feel confident that if we can get the commission to visit the Cape, then we have won the fight."

The commission which will select the site met for the first time early last week. The second meeting was scheduled for yesterday. At this meeting the briefs sent in by the various cities will be looked over carefully, and all cities that have not sufficient advantages will be stricken from the list.

After finishing this task, the commission will begin an inspection of the cities. The members will go through the South and then come North to visit the cities in Missouri.

Eastern cities seem to be confident that the plant will be located somewhere in the East. This belief arose from the suggestion that the commission would try to locate the plant as closely to the Atlantic Ocean as the law creating the plant permits.

Experts say, however, that this will not be done because of the scarcity of coke in the East. This shortage has forced a number of blast furnaces to close.

held that the company would suffer a heavy loss through the regrading of the street. This damage was estimated at more than \$100,000.

The railroad attorneys will have ten days after the filing of the commissioner's report to file exceptions.

FRITZ SEEHAUSEN TO BE BURIED THURS.

Well Known Man Stricken With Heart Failure, Dies on The Street.

While on his way home from a visit with a friend, Frederick W. Seehausen, known as Fritz Seehausen, dropped dead in front of the north entrance to the Central Bar, on the corner of Independence and Frederick streets, yesterday afternoon. His death was due to heart failure, according to a physician who was called.

Mr. Seehausen was nearly 65 years old. He was a bachelor and lived with his nephew, William Seehausen, who conducts a saloon on Broadway, near Frederick street. Several years ago Fritz Seehausen retired from active work. Although physically not strong, he was able to go wherever he desired.

The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon. Burial will be in Lorimer Cemetery. The arrangements for the funeral are being made by the Al Brinkopf Furniture and Undertaking Co.

When Mr. Seehausen, who was walking east on Independence, reached the entrance of the saloon, he became ill and tried to support himself on a tree. He collapsed almost immediately. Several men who had just previously passed him, ran to his assistance and carried him inside. He was unconscious and expired before a physician could be called. The body was taken to the Seehausen home.

The deceased was a son of Andrew Seehausen, who immigrated from Germany while a young man. He settled in the Cape after his marriage. The elder Seehausen is said to have also died from heart failure. Fritz Seehausen leaves one brother in St. Louis and several nieces, nephews and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry Seehausen, with whom he made his home.

ROYALS WALLOP CELLAR BOWLERS

Take Two of Three Games From the Wizards—Eddie Gockel Champion.

The Royals took two games from the Wizards in their three-game match at the Broadway bowling alleys last night. The Wizards got off to a flying start, beating the league leaders by a wide margin, but weakened in the second and third game and lost these two by more than 100 pins in each game.

The double victory of last night increased the lead held by the Royals in the local bowling league. They have now won 16 and lost 8 games. The Wizards are the basement champions of the league.

Three players passed the five hundred mark in the three games, with Kempe, of the Wizards, leading. He had 517 pins. A. Koeppel, of the same team, was second with 511, while Eddie Gockel, of the Royals, held third place with a total of 502 pins. The highest score for a single game was made by Gockel. He bowled 202 in the second game.

The score of last night was as follows:

Royals.			
Gockel	162	202	138
Harrison	179	178	141
T. Gockel	157	143	161
A. Brinkopf	157	143	161
Blind	124	184	218
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	784	854	831

Wizards.			
Hahn	153	118	146
M. Brunke	154	138	126
A. Brunke	155	164	175
A. Kempe	202	168	147
A. Koeppel	184	137	199
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	848	725	784

THINKS CAPE WILL GET SECURITY HOME

Juden and Flentge to Go to Topeka to Work for Project.

A vigorous fight will be made by the local council of the Knights and Ladies of Security to have the national home for widows and children of the members of that order located here. The first steps towards securing this home, which is to be erected by the order at a cost of approximately \$250,000, were taken last night when the Commercial Club, at the instance of Postmaster T. J. Juden, authorized E. W. Flentge to accompany Juden to Topeka, where the committee will select a location for the home.

Juden made it known that the local council would have a convention of all councils of Southeast Missouri in the Cape February 20. The local council had a meeting Thursday in which it pledged \$1500 for the purchase of the site for this home. A subscription among the members will also be taken up in order to increase the fund.

Three sites have been considered. Mr. Juden said, and should Cape Girardeau be selected the place for the home, then steps will be taken to buy one of these sites. He appealed to the Commercial Club for its support in the fight to secure this home.

Mr. Juden and Mr. Flentge will depart for Topeka next Sunday and appear before the national convention to be held there.

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